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1. SCHANBERG (NYT) REPORTS PP IS IN FESTIVE MOOD
ON FIRST DAY (SEPT. 27) OF MOST IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS
HOLIDAY, FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD, DESPITE RUMORS OF
TROUBLE SINCE ENEMY HAS IN PRIOR YEARS MADE SOME

SORT OF DRAMATIC ATTACK TO MARK HOLIDAY. GKR SECURITY TIGHTENED ON APPROACHES TO CITY AND AROUND PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, RESULTING IN AIR OF TEMPORARY STABILITY. BUT PEOPLE COULD NOT MAKE USUAL RETURN TO THEIR HOME VILLAGES FOR THE OCCASION; AND TRADITIONAL GIFTS OF FOOD TO MONKS, AS AN OFFERING TO ANCESTORS, COST AT LEAST 10 TIMES PREWAR PRICE, PARTLY DUE TO CLOSING OF ROUTES 4 TO KOMPONG SOM AND 5 TO BATTAMBANG. FESTIVAL OF DEAD IS NOT MORBID, BUT MARKS SHORT PERIOD DURING YEAR WHEN SOULS OF DEAD ARE FREE TO RETURN TO FAMILY HOMES FROM AFTERLIFE ABODE. FAMILIES PRAY FOR AND FEED THEM THROUGH GIFTS OF FOOD TO BUDDHIST MONKS SINCE LAYMEN CANNOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH DEAD SOULS. TONIGHT IS "GOOD-BYE" NIGHT WHEN SOULS RETURN TO OTHER WORLD, ASSISTED ON JOURNEY BY PEOPLE'S RELEASE IN RIVERS AND STREAMS OF MINIATURE CARVED BOATS CONTAINING DELICACIES AND ALMS. CHILDREN RISE EARLY TOMORROW

MORNING AND TRY TO COLLECT BOATS AND CARGOS; THIS IS NOT PART OF OFFICIAL RITES BUT NEITHER PEOPLE NOR SPIRITS SEEMS TO MIND.

2. DESPITE FEARS OF TERRORISM AND RADIO WARNINGS TO BE ON ALERT, PP RESIDENTS JAM PAGODAS TO CELEBRATE BUDDHIST FESTIVAL. EXTRA ROADBLOCKS SET UP AND POLICE AND SOLDIERS MINGLE WITH CROWDS AS SECURITY MEASURES. FANK CLASHES WITH KI AT 3 PLACES NEAR PP; AT 1 POINT 12 MI. SOUTH OF CITY, REBELS DRIVE GKR FORCES BACK SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS IN AREA THAT IS OUTER LIMIT FROM WHICH CAPITAL CAN BE BOMBARDED (UPI, NYDN). AT KOMPONG CHAM, FANK REPORTS IT RECAPTURED TEMPLE, SCHOOL AND POLICE POST IN DRIVE TO REACH ISOLATED GARRISON AT AIRPORT (AP). KAF BOMBARDS PAGODA AND TEXTILE FACTORY ON ROAD TO KOMPONG CHAM AIRPORT WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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HEAVY DAMAGE REPORTED. REBELS MAY BE BUILDING UP PRESSURE ON SIEM REAP, NEAR ANGKOR RUINS (REUTER).

3. STRATHDEE (REUTER), FROM PP, REPORTS BOTH LON NOL AND HIS INFO MINISTER HAVE RECENTLY APPEALED FOR MORE US MILITARY AID, BUT US SPOKESMAN SAYS NO FORMAL REQUEST YET RECEIVED. LON NOL APPEAL MADE IN SEPT. 25 THANK-YOU SPEECH DURING FAREWELL DINNER FOR GEN. VOGT IN WHICH HE PRAISED US FOR HELP ALREADY GIVEN; INFO MINISTER BROUGHT SUBJECT UP AS ASIDE IN SEPT. 24 NEWS CONFERENCE. GKR PROBABLY WANTS MORE ARTILLERY, APCS, TRANSPORT PLANES, AND GREATER MUNITIONS FLOW.

4. UN SPOKESMAN REPORTS SIHANOUK IN LETTER TO SEC GEN REQUESTS RECOGNITION OF HIS REGIME, BUT WALDHEIM

SAYS THAT HIS OFFICE COULD NOT PUT REQUEST ON UNGA AGENDA (WP). SEVENTEEN NATIONS, INCLUDING PRC AND ALBANIA, PRESENT FORMAL REQUEST THAT SIHANOUK LETTER BE PUBLISHED AS OFFICIAL DOCUMENT BY UNGA AS FIRST STEP TOWARD RECOGNITION OF HIS GOVT.-IN-EXILE AS LEGAL CAMBODIAN REGIME (UPI).

5. GREENWAY (WP) REPORTS THAT VIENTIANE AWAITS PL COMING AND FORMATION OF COALITION GOVT. WITH BUSINESS-AS-USUAL ATTITUDE SPICED WITH ONLY LITTLE APPREHENSION. SINCE INTERNAL FACTIONS SEEM WILLING TRANSFER RIVALRIES FROM MILITARY TO POLITICAL ARENA AND INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE IS SUCH THAT OUTSIDE POWERS WILL LET LAOS BECOME BUFFER, PEACE NOW HINGES ON DRV AND RTG LEAVING IT ALONE. DRV WILL PROBABLY NEVER COMPLETELY ABANDON

HO TRAIL AREA, BUT WITH LOCS IN PRG HANDS IN SVN, IT MAY AGREE TO PULL SOME TROOPS BACK FROM LAOS. RTG NERVOUS AT PROSPECT OF UNFRIENDLY POWER ACROSS MEKONG, BUT MAY BE PERSUADED NEUTRAL LAOS IS NO DANGER. US SUPPORTS SOUVANNA AND HIS COALITION THAT GIVES RLG SLIGHT EDGE. SOME OBSERVERS SEE AGREEMENT AS BLUEPRINT FOR PARALYSIS, BUT LAOS UNCLASSIFIED

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MAY MUDDLE THROUGH IF LEFT ALONE.

CHINA

6.EXTENSIVE PRESS FOCUS ON PRC'S "EXPLORING TIES" WITH IMF AND WORLD BANK AT NAIROBI CONFERENCE. REUTER'S CHANCELLOR NOTES WHILE IMF SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THURSDAY THAT CHINA HAS SOUNDED OUT WORLD BANK AND IMF OVER POSSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP IN THEM, SPOKESMAN DECLINED STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT MESSAGE FROM PEKING AMOUNTED TO FORMAL APPLICATION TO JOIN. CHANCELLOR SAYS INFORMED OBSERVERS IN NAIROBI FEEL PRC COULD INTEND MAINLY TO CHALLENGE GRC FIGHT TO RETAIN MEMBERSHIP ON ECON AGENCIES UNDER NAME "CHINA." WP'S ROWEN CITES SPECULATION OF ONE OFFICIAL AT NAIROBI THAT IF PEKING FORCES ORGANIZATIONS TO ACCEPT IT AND THEN EXCLUDE GRC, PRC MIGHT THEN WITHDRAW, HAVING ACHIEVED ITS MAJOR OBJECTIVE. OFFICIAL DOUBTED PRC "IS REALLY READY" FOR IMF AND BANK MEMBERSHIP. IMF SPOKESMAN SAYS PEKING HAS BEEN ADVISED QUESTION WILL BE REFERRED TO ORGANIZATIONS' EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS NEXT MONTH. LATER THURSDAY, GRC DELEGATE CANCELED SCHEDULED ROUTINE FRIDAY ADDRESS TO MEETING, BUT NO REASON GIVEN (REUTER).

7. ALGERIA AND GUINEA URGED FUND AND BANK TAKE

UP MATTER FRIDAY (ROWEN); TANZANIA CALLED FOR PRC ADMISSION TO IMF AND WORLD BANK, SAYING PEKING HAS "EMERGED AS ONE OF THE BIG AID DONORS" TO UNDER-DEVELOPED STATES, AND SOMETIMES ON BETTER TERMS THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY WORLD BANK (REUTER; AP, CHITRIB).

8. WSJ DISPATCH NOTES THAT IMPLICATIONS OF PRC OVERTURES GO WELL BEYOND SIMPLE MEMBERSHIP ON ECON AGENCIES. TO BECOME WORLD BANK MEMBER, PRC WOULD FIRST HAVE TO JOIN IMF, AND AS WORLD BANK MEMBER WOULD PRESUMABLY QUALIFY FOR BANK ECON DEVELOPMENT LOANS. ALSO INVOLVED IN ANY DECISION OVER WHO SHOULD RIGHTFULLY HOLD CHINESE SEAT WOULD BE 550 UNCLASSIFIED

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MILLION DOLLARS GRC HAS IN IMF, 25 PERCENT OF WHICH IS IN GOLD AND REST IN TAIWANESE CURRENCY. IMF MEMBERSHIP ALSO WOULD INVOLVE DISCLOSURE OF INFO ON ROC'S DOMESTIC ECONOMY -- MUCH OF THIS KIND OF INFO NOW UNKNOWN ABOUT PRC.

9. ROWEN REPORTS OFFICIALS AT NAIROBI HUDDLED ALL DAY THURSDAY TRYING DECIDE HOW TO HANDLED "HOT POTATO"; BUT INFORMED OFFICIALS SAY "NO QUESTION" BUT THAT IF PEKING PERSISTS, SHE WILL SUCCEED IN BEING DESIGNATED RIGHTFUL OCCUPANT OF CHINA'S PLACE IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. ACTUAL DECISION ON HOW TO APPROACH TOUCHY MATTER, AND HOW "LET TAIWAN OFF THE HOOK" WILL BE DEBATED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS BY HEADS OF STATE AND IMF AND BANK OFFICIALS.

10. NYT'S DALE, IN NAIROBI, SAYS WITH COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN FUND AND BANK LIMITED -- YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA BEING ONLY PRESENT COMMUNIST MEMBERS -- PRC MEMBERSHIP "WOULD CONSTITUTE A MAJOR STEP IN INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND AID COOPERATION."

11. SUN'S PINE, IN NAIROBI, SAYS PEKING'S "SURPRISE MOVE" IS EXPECTED TO THRUST BANK AND IMF INTO "WRENCHING INTERNAL DISPUTE OVER WHICH GOVERNMENT LEGALLY REPRESENTS 'CHINA'." FEELS TIMING OF PEKING'S CHALLENGE, FILED DURING WANING DAYS OF MEETING, "OBVIOUSLY WAS DESIGNED TO AVERT ANY SORT OF OPEN CONFRONTATION" ON 2-CHINA ISSUE. NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN HOW US WILL REACT TO SITUATION; SHULTZ DECLINED COMMENT AND AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO TAKE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT US POLICY ON ISSUE. NOTES US SURVEY, MADE WHEN ISSUE APPEARED LIKELY CROP UP LAST YEAR, INDICATED IMF MAJORITY WOULD SUPPORT PEKING MEMBERSHIP IF VOTED UPON. POINTS OUT BANK AND FUND HAVE SOME OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS WHICH IN PAST HAVE PROVED UNPALATABLE TO COMMUNIST

NATIONS, AND SOME WESTERN AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP IS INHERENTLY DIFFICULT FOR COMMUNISTS BECAUSE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS STRUCTURE IS ORIENTED TO FREE MARKETS AND NOT EASILY COMPATIBLE WITH CONTROLLED ECONOMIES.

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12. AT SEMIANNUAL NEWS CONFERENCE THURSDAY, POMPIDOU REPORTS THAT WHILE IN PEKING HE HAD DISAGREED WITH CHINESE LEADERS ON THEIR OPPOSITION TO EAST-WEST DETENTE; ASSERTED, HOWEVER, HE COULD UNDERSTAND CHINA'S POSITION, WITH HER 5,000-MILE SOVIET BORDER AND "IDEOLOGICAL DISPUTES" WITH MOSCOW (NYT'S LEWIS).

13. NCNA REPORTS EDGAR SNOW WIDOW AND DAUGHTER ARRIVED IN PEKING THURSDAY NIGHT WITH PART OF WRITER'S ASHES FOR INTERMENT IN CHINA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WILL (REUTER).

14. EXBEATLE MCCARTNEY WILL TAKE ROCK MUSIC TO CHINA IF HIS HK PROMOTER CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. PROMOTER SAYS NO DEFINITE PLANS YET, BUT IDEA "NOT IMPOSSIBLE, EITHER." CLAIMS MCCARTNEY INTERESTED IN IDEA, BUT IT HAS NOT REACHED STAGE OF VISA APPLICATIONS YET (REUTER).

JAPAN

15. HALLORAN (NYT) AND PEPPER (SUN), IN TOKYO, NOTE END TO DIET'S "FRUSTRATING, CHAOTIC SESSION." HALLORAN OBSERVES THAT "ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE TIME WAS DEVOTED TO CONSIDERING LEGISLATION, THUS BRINGING THE PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT TO A STAND-STILL AT TIMES."

16. REUTER NOTES FRIDAY FINANCE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT JAPAN HAD BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT OF 872 DOLLARS LAST MONTH -- SIXTH CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY DEFICIT.

17. CHICAGO ASSN. OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JUST RETURNED FROM 2 WEEKS IN JAPAN, REPORTS GOJ, IN POLICY CHANGE, NOW IS PROMOTING PURCHASE OF IMPORTS. SAYS JAPAN'S CURRENT IMPORT BARRIERS ARE LOWER THAN THOSE OF US AND JAPANESE TARIFFS ARE ALSO LOWER THAN OR EQUAL TO US TARIFFS (JOC).

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NEW ZEALAND

18. KIRK AND PRES. MET THURSDAY, AGREED IN ESTABLISHING

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN FIELD
OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. HAK PARTICIPATED IN TALKS.
WH SAYS THEY REVIEWED SEA SITUATION, AND PM WELCOMED
REDUCED TENSIONS, PARTICULARLY IN VN; RELATIONS WITH
PRC ALSO REVIEWED, AND THEY ALSO AGREED ON IMPORTANCE
OF DEVELOPING SEA STABILITY THROUGH ECON PROGRESS
AND SECURITY FROM AGGRESSION (AP WP, CHITRIB). PRES.
ANNOUNCES NOMINATION OF JOSEPH FARLAND AS US AMBASSADOR

TO NZ (AP, WP).

PHILIPPINES

19. GOP INVITES MORE THAN 50,000 FILIPINOS LIVING
IN RETIREMENT IN US AND ELSEWHERE TO RETURN (AP,
WP).

20. PHILS' FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES REACH RECORD
HIGH OF 751.22 MILLION DOLLARS (UPI, JOC).
COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

21. VIVA (VOICES IN VITAL AMERICA), IN FULL-PAGE WP AD
PUBLISHES OPEN LETTER TO PRES. EXPRESSING THANKS FOR
CONCERN HE HAS SHOWN FOR POW/MIAS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
NOTES IT WAS UNDER HIS ADMIN. THAT DOD REVERSED POLICY
AND ALLOWED POW/MIA FAMILIES DISCUSS PLIGHT OF THEIR
MEN. "ONCE INFORMED, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOINED IN
DRAMATIC DISPLAY OF BROTHERHOOD TO HELP MEN THEY NEVER
MET. THIS POWER OF PUBLIC OPINION INFLUENCED THE
COMMUNISTS TO IMPROVE THE TREATMENT OF OUR MEN, TO WHICH
MANY RETURNED POWS ATTRIBUTE THEIR VERY LIVES." CHARGES
COMMUNISTS ARE STILL PERPETRATING BARBARIC FORM OF MENTAL
CRUELTY ON ALMOST 1200 POW/MIA FAMILIES; THIS INHUMANITY
MAY NEVER BE ENDED UNLESS AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE AGAIN
INFORMED AND UTILIZE POWER OF PUBLIC OPINION. NOTING
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ASSERTION OF SOME THAT ALL POWS ARE HOME, SAYS MORE
THAN 50 MEN, WHO WERE KNOWN TO BE PRISONERS AND ARE STILL
OFFICIALLY LISTED AS POWS BY USG, DID NOT RETURN HOME NOR
WERE THEY LISTED AS DEAD BY COMMUNISTS. NOTES THAT
FPMT AND JCRC HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE
SUCCESS IN ENCOURAGING COMMUNISTS TO LIVE UP TO PEACE
AGREEMENT. CONTENTS THAT PERHAPS PUBLIC AWARENESS IS
ONLY WEAPON LEFT; HOWEVER, CHARGES THAT DOD HAS BEEN
HINDERING EFFECTIVE USE OF THIS WEAPON. ASKS MEETING
WITH PRES.

22. WSJ'S KANN, IN PP, DOES VIGNETTES COVERING TRAINING
OF MILITIAMEN, HOSPITALIZATION OF WAR CASUALTIES,

GENERAL SOSTHENE BELIEF HANOI MUST BE BOMBED, REFUGEES, AND MOVIE MAKING, TO ROUND OUT WSJ'S SEPT. 24 DISCUSSION OF CAMBODIA MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECON SITUATION. CONCLUDES WITH COMMENT THAT "CAMBODIA STAGGERS FROM CRISIS TO CRISIS. THE MILITARY SITUATION RANGES FROM BAD TO AWFUL. POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IS ALMOST NONEXISTENT. THE ECONOMY IS IN SHAMBLES. BUT PRESIDENT LON NOL CONSULTS HIS SOOTHSAYERS AND GEN. SOSTHENE DREAMS OF HIS B52 BOMBER AND THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE LIVE AND DIE WITH A FATALISM THAT WESTERNERS CANNOT COMPREHEND:...THINKING REALISTICALLY ABOUT CAMBODIA IS A DEEPLY DEPRESSING THING TO DO. AND PERHAPS THE CAMBODIANS SURVIVE AS WELL AS THEY DO PRECISELY BECAUSE THEY DON'T ENGAGE IN ALL THAT MUCH HARD THINKING."

23. WRITING FOR PACIFIC NEWS SERVICE, MONTANA U ZOOLOGY PROF. BERT PFEIFFER, IN HANOI, (CHICAGO SUN SEPT. 21), DESCRIBES DESTRUCTION INFLICTED BY USAF DURING LAST MONTHS OF VN WAR. AS GUESTS OF NVN, AND LATER OF PRG,

PFEIFFER SAYS HE AND PROF. ARTHUR WESTING, ON WEEK-LONG TRIP TAKING THEM SOUTH FROM HANOI THROUGH DMZ AND INTO PRG-HELD AREAS OF QUANG TRI, SAW EVIDENCE OF SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION BY BOMBINGS. IN DONG HOI, SAYS THERE REMAINS SKELETON OF ONE BIG CATHEDRAL IN OLD CITY; EVERYTHING ELSE GONE. NEAR GUEST HOUSE, SAW THEIR FIRST GIANT BOMB CRATER, WHICH PFEIFFER SAYS HE HAD NEVER SEEN IN MANY UNCLASSIFIED

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SVN TRIPS. CRATERS AT LEAST 100-FEET IN DIAMETER AND 60-FEET DEEP, INDICATING US MILITARY HAD FELT FREE TO USE HEAVIEST WEAPONRY IN SOUTHERN NVN BECAUSE NO JOURNALISTS TO REPORT ITS EFFECT. SIMILARLY, PFEIFFER MAINTAINS, HANOI HAD BEEN SPARED BECAUSE OF FOREIGN COMMUNITY THERE. OBSERVES THAT DONG HA WAS FLATTENED LIKE DONG HOI; SAYS HE SAW CASINGS OF ANTI-PERSONNEL CLUSTER BOMBS EVERYWHERE IN QUANG TRI. CONTENTS WHILE USG WAS SAYING ONLY MILITARY TARGETS BEING BOMBED, IT WAS SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYING EVERY STRUCTURE BETWEEN HANOI AND DMZ. OBSERVES DAMAGE TO LARGE DAM IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, CONTENTING BOMBING PATTERN WAS SO CLEAR IT CANNOT HAVE BEEN ACCIDENT. SAYS THIS IS MATTER HE INTENDS TAKE UP WITH SASC.

24. SUN'S ISAACS, IN HONG KONG, SEES CHINESE WRITERS, ARTISTS AND COMPOSERS REMAINING UNDER TIGHT POLITICAL RESTRAINTS ALTHOUGH CHINA IS WIDENING CULTURAL INTERCHANGES WITH REST OF WORLD. SEES EVIDENCES OF THIS IN RECENT PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE AND IN COMMENTARY PUBLISHED THIS WEEK BY HSINHUA WHICH STRESSED POLICY THAT ALL ART MUST SERVE REVOLUTION. SAYS THIS MEANS NOT ONLY THAT ARTISTS CANNOT PURSUE INDIVIDUAL SELF-

EXPRESSION IN CREATING NEW WORKS, BUT ALSO THAT TRADITIONAL CHINESE ART MUST BE RECAST TO SUPPORT REVOLUTIONARY VALUES. NOTES THAT ARTICLES STRONGLY SUGGEST CHINA'S ULTRA-RADICALS, ECLIPSED IN OTHER SPHERES, HAVE RETAINED CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN CULTURAL AFFAIRS; MENTIONS THAT HSINHUA COMMENTARY PRAISED CHIANG CHING BY NAME, INDICATING RADICAL POLICIES SHE IS IDENTIFIED WITH STILL HAVE OFFICIAL APPROVAL.

25. NYT SEES BREZHNEV'S RECENT STATEMENTS INDICATING KREMLIN'S GROWING CONCERN OVER PEKING'S SUCCESS IN ENDING DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION. REFERRING TO SOVIET 1968 CZECH INVASION UNDER PROCLAIMED DOCTRINE THAT MOSCOW HAS RIGHT TO INVADE ANY SOCIALIST COUNTRY WHOSE INTERNAL POLICIES KREMLIN CONSIDERS DANGEROUS, NYT COMMENTS THAT AS LONG AS USSR LIVES UNDER THAT DOCTRINE, CHINESE LIKELY TO REQUIRE MORE THAN PROMISE OF NONAGGRESSION TREATY.

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26. HERRLEE CREEL (WSJ) TOASTS CONFUCIUS BORN 2,524 YEARS AGO TODAY. INDICATES CONFUCIUS' POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY MAY HAVE APPLICATION IN US. OBSERVES THAT IN CHINA ATTITUDE TOWARD CONFUCIUS HAS BEEN ON THE WHOLE NEGATIVE; HOWEVER, EXPECTS THAT ULTIMATELY HE WILL AGAIN BE ACCLAIMED THERE AS NATIONAL HERO, AS IN TAIWAN AND ELSEWHERE.

27. WP'S SHARKEY SAYS ONE OF BRIGHTEST SPOTS IN US GENERALLY IMPROVING TRADE PICTURE IS MOUNTING SALES TO ASIA. FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1973, US EXPORTS TO REGION ROSE BY 55 PERCENT. ASSERTS THAT IN NO OTHER AREA, SAVE FOR RATHER SPECIAL SITUATION OF EXPORTS TO COMMUNIST STATES, ARE US EXPORTS INCREASING AT SUCH HIGH RATE. IF US SALES TO JAPAN ARE REMOVED FROM TOTAL, US EXPORTS TO ASIA STILL SHOW RISE OF 42 PERCENT SO FAR THIS YEAR. US EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA ARE UP 45 PERCENT, TO NZ UP 89 PERCENT, THOUGH FIGURE IS DISTORTED BY LARGE PURCHASE OF US AIRCRAFT EARLIER THIS YEAR. US EXPORTS TO TAIWAN AND SK HAVE INCREASED OVER 65 PERCENT AND OVER 60 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. SIMILARLY, SINGAPORE STEPPED UP PURCHASES OF US PRODUCTS BY 60 PERCENT THIS YEAR. KISSINGER

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